



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge  
Brigham City, UT  
Waterbird/Raptor Survey  
August 28-29, 2014

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted August 28-29, 2014 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and volunteers Josee Kee and Rebecca Browers with 48 species recorded. Water conditions were mostly good across the refuge. Recent rains have helped to maintain water levels on most of the refuge. Overall duck and goose numbers were above average – perhaps due to the good amount of water compared to late August of recent years when water has been scarce. Northern pintail numbers, especially, though not a record, were well above average. Shorebird numbers were above average with a variety of species recorded. However, marbled godwits were noticeably scarce. Besides the overall diversity of shorebird species, highlights included a peregrine falcon and a bufflehead. Bufflehead is a very rare species in the summer.

Canada goose	5,795	American avocet	21,024
Mallard	11,630	Willet	2
Northern pintail	35,708	Spotted sandpiper	16
American green-winged teal	32,365	Solitary sandpiper	1
Cinnamon teal	9,934	Greater yellowlegs	30
Northern shoveler	8,316	Long-billed curlew	4
Gadwall	9,862	Marbled godwit	7
Redhead	370	Western sandpiper	81
Bufflehead	1	Least sandpiper	30
Ruddy duck	2,040	Baird's sandpiper	126
Unknown ducks	375	Long-billed dowitcher	2,656
Pied-billed grebe	4	Wilson's phalarope	123
Eared grebe	1,160	Franklin's gull	11,401
Western grebe	114	Ring-billed gull	3,746
Clark's grebe	40	California gull	986
American white pelican	702	Caspian tern	1
Double-crested cormorant	350	Forster's tern	21
Great blue heron	72	Black tern	57
Great egret	17	American coot	13,172
Snowy egret	229	Sandhill crane	33
Cattle egret	1	Turkey vulture	19
Black-crowned night heron	38	Northern harrier	1
White-faced ibis	13,079	Swainson's hawk	3
Killdeer	78	Peregrine falcon	1
Black-necked stilt	12,319		

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